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## Submarine Controversy Is Now "Up To" Germany

## Move Near Parral By Carranza Appears Ominous

### WILSON TO WAIT WEEK

President Holds That Three or Four Days Is Time Enough for Berlin to Answer Virtual Ultimatum to Discontinue Illegal Undersea Warfare.

Congress Is Impressed With Deep Significance of Chief Magistrate's Action and His Words—Von Bernstorff Is Most Hopeful of Solution.

NOTE IN GERMANY. Berlin, April 20, via London, 1:46 p. m.—The American note to Germany arrived in Berlin late yesterday evening. Ambassador Gerard probably will present it to the foreign office early this afternoon.

Washington, April 20.—The United States government, having said its last word to Germany in the submarine controversy, turned to-day with grave expectancy to Berlin, where rests the decision whether the imperial government shall abandon its present methods of submarine warfare or break with Washington. President Wilson probably will wait at least until the end of the week for Germany to reply to his virtual ultimatum, which declares the intention of the United States to sever diplomatic relations unless the Berlin government "immediately" gives up the use of submarines against commerce and squares her (Continued on Page 8)

### GEN. J. B. ERWIN DEAD

Prominent Lancaster County Man Dies in Washington

On Tuesday night last Gen. John B. Erwin, who will be so pleasantly remembered by the older citizens of this and adjoining counties, died at his home in Washington, D. C., in the eighty-second year of his age. His body, accompanied by his three children, John B. Erwin, Misses Isabel and Mildred, arrived at Lancaster yesterday morning on the early morning train, was met at depot by a number of sorrowing friends, at once carried to Lower Camp Creek Methodist church, and there buried by the side of his wife, who preceded him about twenty years. General Erwin was a native of York county. In early life he was married to Miss Mary Barnes, a daughter of Col. Dixon Barnes of this county, who, it will be remembered, gave his life for the Southern Confederacy in the war between the states. During his long residence in this county Gen. Erwin took the deepest interest in every movement that looked to the betterment of the social, agricultural and political condition of the people of his adopted county. No sacrifice of time or money was too great for him to make, if he thought the good of the people demanded it. No man ever had a deeper sympathy for his fellow man in grief or misfortune. His courtly manners, genial nature, broad sympathies, and high sense of honor won for him numerous friends among all classes. During his residence at the national capital nothing delighted him more than to meet a citizen of Lancaster county, and to the last he took a lively interest in the growth and development of our town and county. In behalf of a great number of our citizens who knew and loved General Erwin, The News extends to his devoted son and daughters the deepest sympathy in this hour of their greatest sorrow.



H. H. Kester, County Engineer, and Modern Type Road Machinery Now In Use in Lancaster County.

The above cut gives the reader some idea of the class of road machinery which is being used in this county under the expert direction of County Engineer Kester in the improvement of the many miles of our public roads. With this immense road machine, Mr. Kester has moved thousands after thousands of square yards of gravel with which to properly dress the clay top roads throughout the county, as well as using it for dragging purposes after roads have been constructed, and this good work is steadily going on. It is a sad fact, but nevertheless true, that the people of our county

(the masses, not officials) do not give the thought and attention to the question of our public roads which they should. Our county officials are doing all in their power to give us a good system of public roads, but in this particular work, they need the valuable assistance of the people as a whole in order to properly succeed. In this age one of the greatest things a human being can do is to build a public highway and the greatest work a county can do is to improve and increase its transportation facilities. A good road is to increased business what blood is to

the body, sap to the tree and vitality to life. During the past half century the vehicles on our public highways have improved from the ox cart to the automobile, but in many instances we have the same old roads, the same old way, and many of our leading roads would terrorize the heart of a rough rider. A good road is one of the greatest moral forces in the world to-day. It is a companion agency to the church and school house and as an elevating influence it has few equals. Bad roads cause an unnecessary and useless waste of time and mon-

ey, increase illiteracy, destroy society and encourage profanity in a community. A dollar spent in improving public roads will add more happiness, prosperity and morality to a community than any other form of investment. Engineer Kester and the Board of County Commissioners are doing all they possibly can to give Lancaster county a splendid system of public roads, and as citizens interested in the general welfare and prosperity of the county, it's now up to all of us to lend all possible assistance in this great work.

### RIDGE DISTRICT U. D. C. MEETING

#### A Profitable and Interesting Session Was Held Wednesday, April 19

The Ridge District conference of the U. D. C. was called to order in the Masonic hall, Wednesday afternoon, promptly at 2 o'clock by the local chapter president, Mrs. Derrick, with some twenty-five delegates being present. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. T. Hodges. Hon. C. D. Jones, mayor of the city, was next presented and his welcome address was indeed a masterpiece. He said in part: It gives me keen pleasure and great honor to welcome you to the City of Lancaster. Our people, noted for hospitality, could have no guests more worthy of our esteem and cordial good will. The constancy and loyal devotion of the Daughters of the Confederacy to the cause for which the southern soldier suffered and died excites our profound admiration. More than a half century has passed since the flag of the Southern Confederacy was furled, yet the daughters and grand-daughters of the Confederate soldier with pride and love, revere his memory; build monuments in testimony of his heroism and patriotism; with tender hands bestow his grave with flowers; bestow upon each living soldier a cross of honor which he treasures as his fondest possession; provide for the living soldier by their influence for pensions; defend him against every breath of slander which would impugn his fidelity, his patriotism, his loyalty to his honest convictions of duty and his unshaken belief in the righteousness of his cause. One of your greatest labors is to see that history properly records the southern view of the great struggle so that no false view of this cause and devotion shall besmirch his memory, and that our children shall be taught the truth in school-books concerning the principles which actuated their forefathers. How, otherwise, could the Daughters of the Confederacy be worthy of the noble women and gallant men of the Confederacy? Who does not honor father and mother shall not have long days in

the land that the Lord God gives— And they are indeed worthy! While the men fought and suffered the women toiled and endured. The men had unflinching courage, the women had unflinching fortitude. For every wound a soldier received, some woman's heart bled. For every soldier that fell, some mother or wife or daughter was prostrate with a grief worse than death. Their toils to aid in providing food and clothing for the armies in garrison and field; their ministrations to the soldiers in homes, at railway stations, in hospitals; their ready sacrifices; their encouragement; their hope that ever gleamed through the darkness; their patience that never quailed; their fortitude that never broke; their prayers that never ceased, have made a wondrous record for southern women such as has never been surpassed in all the annals of time. Proud as we are of our southern heritage we love our common country and its flag with loyal devotion, and the same qualities which have made the south so great are the surest guarantee of our re-united country. Worthy daughters of such noble ancestry, thrice welcome are you here to-day. May you enjoy your stay with us, and may your plans and labors have fruition in a happy and abundant success. The next address was by Col. Leroy Springs who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. He said, in part: I wish to reiterate the hearty welcome of the mayor and beg to say that the community has felt the good influence of the work of the U. D. C. here. You need no commendation from me as to the noble work you are doing in erecting monuments to the memory of the heroes who fought and died for a noble cause which we all hold so dear. You not only inspire admiration in the hearts of the youths of to-day, but encourage them to become noble sons and noble fathers. I bid you God-speed in your noble work. Miss Annie Witherspoon, in behalf of the Lancaster chapter, next addressed the assembly. (Continued on Page 8)

### SENATE PASSES BILL FOR ENLARGED ARMY

#### Without Record Vote, Upper House Adopts Measure to Provide About Million Men for War Basis Force. Tug Will Come in Conference to Settle Differences of Opinion.

Washington, April 18.—An army reorganization bill that would produce regular army and military reserve forces in the United States aggregating 1,000,000 men was passed by the senate to-night without a record vote. On the eve of a special joint session of the houses of congress to hear a message from the president on grave international issues the senate hastened completion of the bill and, amid scenes of excitement, repealed all amendments tending to reduce the proposed strengthening of the army. In the closing hours of debate the senate made provision for a regular standing army with a peace strength of 250,000 men, as compared with 140,000 in the Hay bill, which passed the house, retained after a close fight on the plan for a federal volunteer army reserve force, calculated to aggregate 261,000 men, and federalized the National Guard forces of the states at an estimated strength of 280,000. In addition to this combined regular and reserve force of 790,000 men, an amendment by Senator Hardwick was passed to create a school and college youths' reserve corps in time of war or threatened war which would recruit a force of trained young men, schooled by officers of the regular army, the estimated strength of which is estimated anywhere from 200,000 to 400,000. A Million Men "We are creating here to-night a peace army of 1,000,000 men," declared Senator Myers, in supporting an amendment of Senator Reed to make the regular army 200,000. The senate had agreed previously by a vote of 43 to 37 to an amendment by Senator Brandegee increasing it

from the proposed strength of 180,000 to 250,000. The Reed reduction proposal was rejected 42 to 31, after a brief speech by Senator Williams, in which he referred to the solemnity of the occasion which would confront congress to-morrow. "For myself," said Senator Williams, "I think we are pretty seriously threatened with international difficulties both from the east and the south." The apparently grave developments of the few hours preceding the passage of the bill also probably served to save the volunteer army provision. Champions of the National Guard fought it bitterly in the committee of the whole and it was retained by a vote of 34 to 32. To-night Senator Lewis again moved to strike out the section. It was saved this time by a vote of 40 to 37. Other Important Points Other important provisions of the senate bill not in the house measure include the following: Appropriation of \$15,000 for construction of government plants for production of nitrates to be used in manufacture of ammunition. Provision for vocational education of enlisted men of the regular army, commencing instruction either in agriculture or the mechanical arts. Creation of a national guard section in the general staff of the army and requiring all officers and enlisted men of the national guard to subscribe to an oath to support the United States as well as the respective states. Because of the radical differences it is expected that the house will at once ask for a conference and that the work of perfecting the final form of a new army measure will begin within a few days. One feature of the senate bill which even its most

### DIPLOMACY AT STANDSTILL

Regarded by Some as Hint That Americans Must Not March Further Toward the South

The Government at Washington Awaits Report From Border by Major General Hugh L. Scott.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS Torreon, Mexico, April 20.—Col. Brown, in La Boquilla, is reported here to be arranging with Gen. Luis Herrera at Parral by telephone for the use of the railroads to facilitate the withdrawal of the American troops.

Washington, April 20.—Diplomatic negotiations with Gen. Carranza as well as the pursuit of Villa by American soldiers are practically at a standstill while President Wilson awaits full advices as to the military problems encountered in Mexico. With the arrival of Major Gen. Scott, chief of staff, in San Antonio to-morrow night to consult with Gen. Funston the information sought by Secretary Baker will begin to come forward by wire. Since the question of distance and necessary brevity of wire reports, however, prompted the secretary in discussing with his chief adviser, it is improbable that any important step will be taken by the cabinet until Gen. Scott returns. Mr. Baker explained to-day that he himself had suggested the plan of sending Gen. Scott at a conference with that officer and his assistant, Major Gen. Bliss, the night before the order was given. In weighing the situation on the border, he (Continued on Page 8)

### ELEVEN PERSONS REPORTED KILLED BY WESTERN STORM

Scores of Others Said to Have Been Injured by Series of Tornadoes in Kansas and Missouri. Kansas City, Mo., April 20.—Eleven persons were reported killed and scores injured, several seriously, in a series of tornadoes that swept through the central portions of eastern Kansas and western Missouri last night. Property damage is believed to be heavy, although accurate information was unavailable early today because of disabled telegraph and telephone service. The storm areas centered north of Topeka and a line running from the southwestern corner of Wilson county, in Kansas, across the Missouri line into the border counties. Elmer Packard of Enterprise, Kansas, was killed while trying to outrun the storm, when his automobile overturned. Six persons are reported dead and about 50 injured in Stover, Morgan county, Missouri, with the town laid in ruins as the result of a tornado last night. The storm is also reported to have struck near Jefferson City and California, Mo. Olean, six miles north of Eldon, Mo., was in the path of the storm and there are reports of many injuries there. NOTICE The Carnes school democratic club will meet Saturday afternoon April 23rd at 3 o'clock at the Carnes school house. R. M. Walters, secretary. Student champions fear may be sacrificed in the legislative compromise of the volunteer reserve force, but in that event they confidently expect that the school reserve will be retained as a substitute.